

Reception Newsletter!

Friday 18th January 2019

Week 2

We have had a great week in Reception getting stuck into our new topic; Winter Wonderland. We started our week by joining up with our friends in Year 2 and going on a giant bird hunt! We found blackbirds, crows sitting in the trees and we even saw a Pheasant (although it was in the distance!) We then had lots of fun making bird feeders to make sure all the birds that visit our garden have lots to eat. **Ask us what birds we saw.**

On Tuesday we had a lovely time walking around the school grounds and across the cricket field looking for signs of winter. We discovered lots of woolly hats and gloves, a big holy bush, bare trees and some ever greens trees! **When you are out and about this weekend you might like to look for signs of winter. Let us know what you find!**

We had a great time in our outdoor classroom making snow! We used lots of washing up liquid and had to use our gross motor strength to create the bubbles using brushes and sponges! We created a giant snow storm and had so much fun making snowmen and jumping around in the snow. **Ask us about making snow!**

In our P.E session this week we have been working on our throwing and catching skills as part of Tag Rugby. We know how to hold a rugby ball and remembered to 'show ten' when we're ready to catch. Ask us about 'throwing the banana in the bin.'

In our mathematics sessions this week we have been working hard to form our numerals using the correct routes. We find 3, 5 and 8 the trickiest so you might like to practice these at home. We had fun writing numerals in our new maths books, painting numerals, and even making numerals out of construction!

We had lots of fun in our dance session this week. Eve was very impressed with our listening skills and we have started to learn a special dance which we will share with you as part of our class assembly on Friday 8th February.

Learning at home (technology) Last week we sent home a 'Learning at home' sheet with a focus on technology. We would be very grateful if you were able to complete this and send it back into school. This can just be a few notes and does not have to include photographs. The information you provide is extremely useful when completing our assessments. **Thank you for your continued support.**

Wow Wednesday Dates

Wow Wednesdays provide an opportunity to look through your child's Learning Journey. **They are held between 8.30-8.50am on the following dates:**

Wednesday 30th January

Wednesday 13th February

Wednesday 6th March

Wednesday 20th March

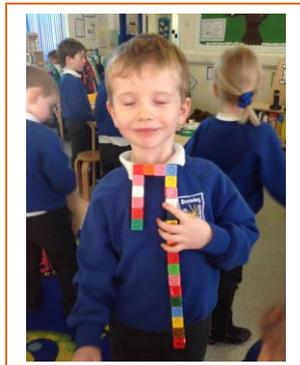
Wednesday 3rd April

Phonics

This week we have learnt the following sounds; **x y z zz**. We learnt that the digraph **zz** usually comes at the end of the word. We have practised reading and writing words containing all Phase 3 sounds learnt so far as well as working on our key words. We are working hard to apply our phonic knowledge to independent writing by carefully sounding out the words we would like to spell and using our sound mats to write down all the sounds we can hear.

We have also been hard at work trying to read and write our key words. Ask us to show you at home.

Our week in pictures...



We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday.

Yours Faithfully,

Ms Shepherd and the Reception Team.